

### SAF Games committee meets today

Sports Reporter

The first meeting of the organising committee for the sixth South Asian Federation (SAF) Games takes place today at 12.30 pm at the National Economic Council conference room at Sher-e-Bangla Nagar with its president Finance Minister M Saifur Rahman in the chair.

A number of ministers, MPs, high officials and eminent sports organisers will attend the meeting.

The meeting is likely to finalise the logo and mascot of the forthcoming Games, scheduled to be held in the capital next December.

Meanwhile, Minister for Commerce M K Anwar and Labour and Manpower Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan are included as vice-presidents in the 150-member organising committee.

### Ajax on a rampage

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Mohammad Javed scored four times to lead Ajax Sporting Club to a massive 13-0 victory over newcomers Public Works Department (PWD) in the Green Delta First Division hockey league at the Hockey Stadium yesterday.

Ajax, who finished fourth in last year's league, made up for their somewhat indifferent performance in the previous matches with the biggest margin victory in the league's recent history.

Khwaza Waiz and Faisal sounded the board twice each while Zeeshan, Shamsuddin, Hafiz, Sharafat and Musa got one each for the winners.

Ajax, who led the first half 7-0, could have wound up even bigger margin had their forwards been able to convert all the five penalty strokes they earned. They managed three out of five.

In the other match of the day, Wari Club managed a solitary goal victory over Bangladesh Sporting Club.

Taiyab scored the winner in the 25th minute.

### Div II b'ball prize ceremonial today

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The prize giving ceremony of the recently concluded BGIC Second Division basketball league will take place today at 5 pm at the National Sports Council conference room.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will distribute the prizes among the winners as chief guest while the chairman of the Bangladesh General Insurance Company Limited, M A Samad will be present as special guest.

In the just concluded BGIC Second Division basketball league Dhaka Mariner Youngs Club emerged unbeaten champions and Rangers Club became runners-up.

Both teams will also take part in the First Division basketball league next year.

### Yemen, Jordan split points

IRBID, Jordan, May 22:

Yemen's Jamal Nadeem scored off a header with a minute remaining Saturday to give Yemen a 1-1 draw with Jordan in the opening game of the first-round of Asian Group A World Cup qualifying, reports AP.

Subhi Suleiman gave Jordan in the lead in the 64th minute, blasting a 20-yard shot to the right of Yemeni keeper Amin Sintiri.

Yemen increased their attack for the remainder of the game, forcing Jordanian keeper Ahmed Abu Nasouh to make two dramatic saves.

One of Yemen's attacks produced a corner in the final minutes, which led to the tying goal.

Prince Faisal, King Hussein's son, Prime Minister Zeid Bin Shaker and senior Jordanian government officials were among the 12,000 at al-Hassan Sports City Stadium at Irbid, 110 kilometers (68 miles) north of Amman.

The game was to be followed by a second match between China and Pakistan. Only the winners of the six, first-round Asian groups advance to the second round. North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Japan already have qualified for the second round.

### Bremen at par with Bayern

BONN, May 22: Werder Bremen beat tiny Saarbruecken 4-0 on Friday to draw level on points with Bayern Munich in the race for the German First Division title. It was Bremen's first away win for four games, reports Reuter.

Struggling Saarbruecken missed two good first half chances and goals from Stefan Kohn (2), Frank Neubarth and Andreas Herzog put Bremen on 44 points from 32 games.

## MSC win, Brothers in semis

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Sheikh Aslam, the ren-owned national striker who joined Mohammedan Sporting Club after nearly a decade with Abahani Krira Chakra, struck twice in the second half to lead his new team to a 3-1 win over a determined Agrani

the pressure in the second half after failing to score in the first session and Roxy almost got the first goal when his header from a Sabbir cross was parried off by Totam.

But Mohammedans were not to be denied as Aslam scored his first goal of the season from a neatly-placed Sabbir cross (1-0).

In the other match of the day, Riyaz netted twice to lead Brothers Union to a convincing 3-0 triumph over Victoria Sporting Club thus earning his side a semifinal berth.

Brothers, who fought back from a goal down to edge past Agrani Bank 2-1 in their first match on Thursday, faced stiff resistance from Victoria



Scene from yesterday's DMFA Cup football league match between Mohammedan Sporting Club and Agrani Bank at the Dhaka Stadium. Mohammedans won the match 3-1. — Star photo

Bank in round robin final leg of the DMFA Cup football tournament at the Dhaka Stadium yesterday.

Seemingly jolted by an unexpected draw against Victoria Sporting Club in their tournament opener on Thursday, Mohammedans appeared headed for yet another embarrassment as the booters in black and white produced a somewhat indifferent, producing only a couple of chances in the performance in the first 45 minutes.

After 24 minutes of tedious display of ball possession, Shamim of Mohammedans made the first attempt at the Agrani Bank goal with a powerful drive from inside the penalty box which was thwarted spectacularly by Totam, the goalkeeper, for a corner.

Seven minutes from the short whistle Sabbir found himself unmarked with only the goalkeeper to beat but his shot just went wide.

Mohammedans stepped up

That was the breakthrough Mohammedans needed and only four minutes later the scoreline showed 2-0 after Naqib headed home yet another well-measured Sabbir cross from the left flank.

Aslam, the agile striker, struck again in the 65th minutes driving home from a very difficult angle after Barun's throw-in gave him enough leverage (3-0).

Eleven minutes later Arman of Mohammedan was denied a goal when the Agrani Bank custodian intervened in time.

The Bank custodian was again forced into action in the 38th minutes when he had to stretch himself to stage off a Sabbir header.

Pony, substituting Gias, surprisingly pulled one back for the losers as the next minute Kanan, the Mohammedan goalkeeper could not hold on to Bank striker's powerful drive (3-1).

Barun of Mohammedan Sporting was cautioned by the referee for dissent.

Sporting, who created sensation when they forced Mohammedans to goalless draw.

Mizan, who joined the Gopibagh side from Mohammedans this year, played the key role in Brothers Union win. Mizan scored once and orchestrated the other two.

Three minutes from the short whistle Mizan floated in a perfect minus from left and Riyaz wasted no time in driving it past Arun, the Victoria goalie (1-0).

Mizan doubled the margin six minutes into the second half with a sudden shot from the top of the box (2-0).

Riyaz, got his second in the 69th minute when broke an off-side trap and dodged past the onrushing Arun to place the ball in the net (3-0).

### TODAY'S MATCHES

Rahmatganj MFS vs Wari Club  
Abahani vs Arambagh

### Reefat well on course

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Reigning champion Reefat-bin-Sattar was well on course to retaining his crown when he outmaneuvered Khandaker Kayes Hasan of Ansars in the 10th round of the 19th national chess championship at the National Sports Council chess room yesterday.

Reefat of Biman, who recently completed the International Master norms, beat his opponent in the 33rd move to up his point tally to nine.

Abul Kashem Bhuiyan of BTMC lost to Niyamul Huq Niru of Ansars after 60 moves.

Mahbub Ali Ferdous of Feni beat Ali Amjad Mintu of Dhaka Metropolis after 28 moves.

Ziaul Quader Tuhi of Dhaka Metropolis was defeated by Omur Khaid of Chittagong after 33 moves.

Safuddin Labloo of BTMC took care of Rafiqul Islam of Chittagong after 51 moves.

In the fifth-round adjourned match between Ali Amjad Mintu and Abdul Khaleque, the former registered victory.

The matches between International Women Master Rani Hamid of Biman and Kalimullah Khan Kalam of Ansars, former champion Resaul Huq of Biman and ANM Ruhul Quddus were in progress when this report was filed.

The tie between Abdullah-al-Rakib and Abdul Khaleque was adjourned.



Former national champion International Women Master Rani Hamid contemplating her next move against Kalimullah Khan Kalam during their tenth round match of the 19th national chess championship at the NSC chess room yesterday. — Star photo

### Div II cricket qualifiers

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Five matches of the Second Division qualifying cricket tournament were held yesterday at different venues across the capital.

Mirpur Nabin Krira Chakra registered an easy eight-wicket victory over Tejgaon Naba Taranga at the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (West).

At the Dhanmondi Cricket Stadium (East) Kalindi Krira Chakra outplayed Lalkuthi Cricket Club by 92 runs.

Malbagh Bright Cricket Club beat Issvo Sports Club by only one run at the Jagannath Hall ground of Dhaka University.

At the Mirpur Pallabi ground Zinzira Krira Chakra posted a 76-run triumph over Nayapaltna Cricketers.

Dhaka Youth Club overpowered Bashabo Eleven by eight wickets at the Dhanmondi Club ground.

### Schools kabaddi semis on May 25

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Two semifinals of the BGIC schools kabaddi championship will be held on May 25 at the Outer Stadium kabaddi court.

In the first semifinal Gandaria High School will be up against Rifles Public School and College at 5 pm while at 5.30 pm on the same day Dolatpur High School will take on Motijheel Model School in the second semifinal. The final will take place on May 28.

State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain will be present in the final and distribute the prizes among the winners.

### H'ball coaches course ends today

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The closing and certificate distributing ceremony of the 15-day long "first women's handball coaches training course," jointly organised by the Bangladesh Handball Federation and Japan International Co-operation Agencies (JICA), will be held today at 4.30 pm at the Dhanmondi Women's Sports Complex.

President of the Bangladesh Amateur Boxing Federation Major General Amin Ahmed Chowdhury will grace the ceremony as chief guest.

## Malik, Hussain go on rampage



LONDON, May 22:

England hopeful Nasser Hussain and Pakistan reject Salim Malik joined forces in a run rampage for Essex in the English Country Championship on Friday, reports AFP.

Both cracked sparkling centuries as they forged a fourth-wicket stand of 290 to power the champions to a formidable 421 for five against Derbyshire at Chelmsford.

Hussain hit 17 boundaries in his 160-ball ton and went on to add four more as well as a six before being dismissed for 152.

Malik reached the landmark in spectacular fashion with a straight-driven six against spinner Richard Sladdin and went on to make 132.

There were runs galore at Trent Bridge as well, with Kent blasting a commanding 394 against Nottinghamshire,

for whom spinner Andy Afford grabbed five for 79.

All-rounder Matthew Fleming led the run feast with 76, while Mark Benson (73) and Seamer Richard Ellison (68) also chipped in with half-centuries.

Somerset, who are leading the chase for Essex's title, struggled in comparison to 170 for seven against Worcestershire at Worcester.

Seamer Kenny Benjamin was the chief tormentor, taking four for 51 after waiting for more than a day to make his home championship debut.

It was a hard work as well for Hampshire against Yorkshire at Southampton. They moved to 247 for six following Thursday's wash-out.

Durham would also have been in trouble against Gloucestershire but for a seventh-wicket stand of 93 between Chris Scott (64) and West Indian newcomer Anderson Cummins (57 not

out). That lifted the visitors from 165 for five to 292 for eight at the close.

In contrast, Sussex's innings subsided at the end against Leicestershire at Horsham, with the last five wickets tumbling for 58 in 18 overs after 78 from skipper Alan Wells had laid the basis for a score of 271.

However, Sussex hit back to have the visitors in trouble at 57 for three at the close.

Meanwhile, Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris checked Northamptonshire's hopes of an early victory with 61 at Swansea before becoming one of four victims for West Indies pace ace Curtly Ambrose.

Glamorgan eventually closed their second innings on 130 for six—a lead of just 78. Earlier, Northants totalled 217, with all-rounder Tony Penberthy following his five-wicket return with an unbeaten 54.

## AC Milan unimpressive again



CAGLIARI, May 22: European Cup finalists AC Milan had mid-fielder Alberigo Evani sent off as they continued their recent uncertain form with a 1-1 draw at Cagliari on Friday, reports Reuter.

Substitute Evani was ordered off five minutes from time after reacting angrily to a heavy tackle from Cagliari defender Gianluca Festa, who was also shown the red card.

The result leaves Milan with just one win in their last 10 Italian league matches, worrying form with the European showdown with Marseille next Wednesday.

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Cagliari surprised a suspension-hit Milan defence when they stole a fourth minute lead through Uruguyan Enzo Francescoli.

Milan striker Daniele Massaro put his side level in the 33rd minute.

Second-placed Internazionale can cut the gap at the top to three points if they beat mid-table Foggia at home on Sunday.

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The goal set off skirmishes between rival fans at the Sante'elia Stadium with baton-wielding police forced to intervene to restore order.

Milan goalkeeper Sebastiano Rossi had a nervous night and almost conceded a second goal when he misjudged an inswinging corner from impressive midfielder Vittorio Pusceddu, the ball crashing back off the bar.

Massaro, partnering fit-again Frenchman Jean-Pierre Papin up front, grabbed an equaliser against the run of play just past the half-hour.

Winger Gianluigi Lentini crossed for the closed ranks in the second half, seemingly content with their point.

Cagliari were repeatedly frustrated by Milan's offside game but should have won six minutes from time when winger Francesco moriero headed a cross goal with the target gaping after the erratic Rossi had missed another cross.

That incident was the prelude to the sending off of Evani, who had replaced Papin 20 minutes earlier, and Festa.

The Cagliari man's tackle and the retaliation from Evani led to a pushing match involving several players from each side.

### Grampus Eight win again

TOKYO, May 22: Former England striker Gary Lineker was on target for his Japanese side Nagoya Grampus Eight as they beat Yokohoma Marinos 4-3 in a penalty shoot-out in their league match on Saturday, reports Reuter.

Lineker scored from the spot after the teams had drawn 1-1 after sudden death extra time.

Brazilian Nogueira headed Marinos ahead from a free kick in the 32nd minute and compatriot Jorginho set up Grampus' equaliser after 77 minutes. His pass was headed home by Shigeo Sawatri.

### Int'l karate meet from June 15

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A two-day international karate and judo championships, organised by the Bangladesh Central Martial Art Club Association, will begin from June 15.

Khaled Mansur, general secretary of the organisers, at a press conference at the National Sports Council coaches room yesterday, disclosed this.

Mansur also revealed that the budget of the championships is earmarked at Tk 3,15,000.

Competitors from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and hosts Bangladesh will participate in the country's first ever international karate and judo meet.



Action from yesterday's Green Delta First Division hockey league match between Wari Club and Bangladesh Sporting Club at the Hockey Stadium. Wari won the match by a solitary goal. — Star photo

## Rajshahi Tennis Complex to have more courts

RAJSHAHI, May 22: State Minister for Youth and Sports Sadek Hossain today laid the foundation stone of the extended tennis court of Rajshahi Tennis Complex, reports BSS.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia had made a commitment at Rajshahi during the concluding ceremony of the first-leg of the Bangladesh-Pakistan Satellite Circuit tennis in 1991 for allocation of an acre of land for four more tennis courts at the complex to meet international standard.

According to a PID handout, the government has allocated one acre of land beside the Tennis Complex at a token cost of Taka 100] this year.

The construction of the four extended tennis courts will be completed by November this year at a cost of Taka 75 lakh.

Speaking on the occasion the State Minister said the present government is very keen on developing sports facilities throughout the country.

He sought all-out cooperation of all concerned for the promotion of games and sports.

Rajshahi City Mayor Mizanur Rahman Minu, chief patron of the Rajshahi Tennis Complex and Divisional Commissioner Armlul Islam also spoke on the occasion. Chairman of the complex Zafar Imam presided.

The minister also visited the Rajshahi Stadium and met the officials.

Earlier, he visited the training camp on hockey, cricket and handball organised by the Biakhali Sangha.

## European supremacy all over



GOTIENBURG, Sweden, May 22:

Europe dominated the men's singles at the world table tennis championships here on Friday to leave Asia without a semifinal representative for the first time since 1953, reports AFP.

And you have to go back to 1975, when Istvan Jonyer won the world title for Hungary, to find a semifinal quartet without a Chinese player.

Olympic champion Jan-Ove Waldner did his bit to douse the Asian challenge by beating South Korea's Kim Taek-Soo 21-9, 21-10, 21-18 and start the European bandwagon rolling.

Waldner's superb play brought back memories of his best ever form to win the Barcelona Olympic Games last year.

"I could never hope to play much better than in those first two sets," said Waldner afterwards.

France's Jean-Philippe Gatien beat dark horse Andras Podpinka in a controversial Quarter-final match which could easily have brought de-

feat for the world number two.

Belgian outsider Podpinka, who stunned the sport by beating China's Wang Tao in the previous round, could have caused another shock as he gave Gatien all sorts of trouble.

Podpinka's attempt to beat Gatien was not helped by his trainer, Wang Da Yong of China, being banned from the arena for illegal coaching on the sidelines, and for complaining when Podpinka was twice faulted on his service.

As Gatien led by a game and was 17-17 in the second, match officials held the red card aloft, to ban Wang from the arena. A furious Wang shook his fists at the umpire and was reluctant to leave the playing area.

The Belgian contingent was still fuming and arguing with tournament officials up to half an hour after the match.

Olympic silver medalist Gatien beat Podpinka 21-12, 28-26, 17-21, 10-21, 21-17, but it was the incident-packed second game which really decided the match.

Apart from the coach being given his marching orders, Gatien only won the game 28-

26 after lobbing onto the edge of the table following an apparent certain winner from the Hungarian-born player.

Podpinka had also had four points to level the scores at 1-1, and stormed back to win the next two games with some extraordinary returns from Gatien's explosive forehands.

The 105th ranked player led 11-9 in the decider, but Gatien held on to win 21-17.

Croatia's Zoran Primorac beat Wang Yongyang of China, 22-20, 21-10, 19-21, 21-13 to set up a semifinal with Gatien today.

Belgian Jean-Michel Saive ousted China's World Cup singles winner Ma Wenge 12-21, 21-19, 13-21, 21-13 to complete the European quartet.

### Hyun wins women's singles title

GOTEBORG, Sweden, May 22:

Hyun Jung-Hwa of South Korea beat Chen Jing of Taiwan in straight sets 21-16, 21-15, 21-14 Saturday to win the women's singles title at the World Table Tennis Championships, reports AP.

It was the first major individual championship title for Hyun, who won the mixed doubles in the 1989 worlds and the doubles in last year's Summer Olympics. She also has a gold medal in the 1991 team event for South Korea.

Hyun's toughest match came in the semifinals Friday against Otilia Badescu of Romania, when she staved off one match point in the fifth and decisive set before winning it 22-20.

Chen, who moved to Taiwan after winning the 1989 team event with China, defeated Gao Jun of China in straight sets in the other semifinal.

China missed the final for the first time since the 1969 worlds. Last time the Chinese women failed to win the gold medal was 16 years ago.

Wang Tao and Lu Lin advanced to an all-Chinese men's doubles final with a 22-20, 26-28, 21-16, 22-20 win over Yoo Nam-Kyu and Kim Taek-Soo of South Korea.

Ma Wenge and Ghang Let topped fellow Chinese Liu Quoliang and Lin Zhiqiang 21-11, 21-12, 21-18 in the other semifinal.

Martin defeated Jackman the last time they met, in the Canadian Open semifinals last October.

### Martin moves into final

TOKYO, May 22: Michelle

Martin beat Carol Owens 9-5, 5-9, 9-3, 9-2 an all-Australian semifinal at a top international women's squash tournament on Saturday to set up her most significant challenge since taking over as world number one at the start of the year, reports Reuter.

Martin will play Sunday's final of the richest women's world tour event against England's Cassie Jackman, who beat Canada's eighth seeded Heather Wallace 9-5, 9-2, 4-9, 9-2.